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SUMMARY: DRAFT STATUTES FOR YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN CHAMBER NOW BEING CIRCULATED TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP. FIRST GENERAL MEETING ON OR ABOUT JUNE 20. ORGANIZERS GREATLY WELCOME RECENT PROGRESS TOWARD FORMATION OF US-BASED CHAMBER AND SUGGEST ESTABLISHMENT OF LIAISON IN LATE MAY AFTER LOCAL BOARD IS NOMINATED. SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING 200 ADDITIONAL FIRMS WHICH MAY WISH TO JOIN US-BASED CHAMBER ARE LISTED. END SUMMARY.

1. STEVAN ZEC, COUNSELOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, FEDERAL ECONOMIC CHAMBER, INFORMS US THAT HE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PRO TEM OF YUGOSLAV CHAMBER FOR PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH U.S.

2. ZEC DELIVERED EIGHT-PAGE SERBO CROATIAN LANGUAGE DRAFT OF STATUTES FOR NEW ORGANIZATION. HE SAID THAT STATUTES HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY FEDERAL AND REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC CHAMBERS AND ARE NOW BEING CIRCULATED FOR COMMENT TO OVER 100 PROSPECTIVE MEMBER FIRMS.

3. STATUTES COVER OBJECTIVES OF ORGANIZATION (PROMOTION OF ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION INCLUDING TRADE, TECHNICAL, FINAN-

CIAL, INVESTMENT, TOURISM; MEDIATION OF TRADE DISPUTES; ORGANIZATION OF EXHIBITS AND DELEGATION VISITS, ETC.), AND PROVIDE FOR MANAGEMENT BY AN ASSEMBLY OF ALL MEMBERS AND BY AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPOSED OF PRESIDENT, TWO VICE PRESIDENTS, SECRETARY AND 25 OTHER MEMBERS. FEDERAL CHAMBER OF ECONOMY IS TO FINANCE ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATION.

4. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF DRAFT STATUTES BEING TRANSMITTED IN BELGRADE A-217.

5. ZEC STATED THAT FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN CHAMBER WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE ON OR ABOUT JUNE 20. REPRESENTATIVES OF OVER 100 YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES WILL FORMALLY APPROVE STATUTES AND ELECT EXECUTIVE BOARD.

6. SENIOR FEDERAL CHAMBER OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FILIP MARJANOVIC, SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND ZEC HAVE EXPRESSED TO US THEIR GRATIFICATION ABOUT RECENT PROGRESS TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF US-BASED CHAMBER. APRIL 4 MEETING CONVENED BY SECRETARY DENT ALSO RECEIVED FAVORABLE AND EXTENSIVE COMMENT IN YUGOSLAV PRESS. (SEE BELGRADE 1652)

7. ZEC EXPRESSED READINESS TO ESTABLISH EARLY DIRECT CONTACT WITH ORGANIZERS OF US- BASED CHAMBER, AND SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL TO THEM IN ANY WAY HE COULD. CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO HIM, C/O YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF ECONOMY, KNEZA MAHAILOVA NO. 10, 11001 BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA. (EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE COPY.)

8. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT IT MAY BE ADVISABLE TO DEFER CONTACT CONCERNING FUTURE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES BETWEEN TWO CHAMBERS AND MOST OTHER SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS FOR ABOUT THIRTY DAYS, SINCE AUTHORITATIVE COMMENT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN HERE IN MEANTIME.

9. HE EXPLAINED THAT AS PART OF COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL CHANGES IN YUGOSLAV PARTY, GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL

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ORGANIZATIONS NEXT MONTH, FEDERAL ECONOMIC CHAMBER LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING PRESIDENT RUDI KOLAK, WILL BE REPLACED.

10. NOMINATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN CHAMBER WILL BE ONE OF FIRST ACTS OF NEW FEDERAL ECONOMIC CHAMBER LEADERSHIP, EXPECTED TO BE IN PLACE BY LATE MAY. YUGOSLAV INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, BANKS AND TOURISM, AND EACH OF SIX REPUBLICS WILL BE REPRESENTED ON EXECUTIVE BOARD.

11. REPRESENTATIVE OF US-BASED CHAMBER WOULD BE WELCOME TO ATTEND JUNE 20 MEETING AND TO CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD AT THAT TIME OR SHORTLY BEFORE.

12. ASIDE FROM NAMES LISTED IN BELGRADE A-659 AND A-713, BMEASSY HAS FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING AMERICAN FIRMS WHICH MAY BE INTERESTED IN JOINING US-BASED CHAMBER:

A. MAJOR INDUSTRIAL EXPORTERS TO YUGOSLAVIA: HOLCROFT AND COMPANY, IBM, INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING, (SAN FRANCISCO), ARTHUR G. MCKEE, KAISER ENGINEERS, WEAN UNITED, BORG WARNER, MESTA MACHINE, KENNECOTT COPPER, BURROUGHS, NATIONAL CASH REGISTER, AMPEX, ITT, KOPPERS, PRICE WATERHOUSE, ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL, ATLANTIC RICHFIELD, CORNING GLASS, GREEN GIANT, HEWLETT-PACKARD, PULLMAN-STANDARD, RCA, STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA, US STEEL, TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, WANG LABORATORIES, BELL AND HOWELL, LITTON, MACK TRUCK, HANNA MINING, PHILCO-FORD, MOTOROLA, ABBOTT LABORATORIES, EASTMAN KODAK, POLAROID, MAX FACTOR, MOBIL OIL, SEAGRAMS, PFIZER, ROHM AND HAAS, BOEING, MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS, LOCKHEED, CESSNA, PIPER, LEARJET, AVCO, UNITED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, BELL HELICOPTER, NORTHROP, JOHN DEERE, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER.

B. TEN MAJOR AGRICULTURAL EXPORTERS TO YUGOSLAVIA: AMERICAN BREEDERS SERVICE, NATIONAL RENDERERS ASSOCIATION, HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN, SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION, U.S. FEED GRAIN COUNCIL, CARNATION, CONTINENTAL GRAIN, BUNGE, LOUIS DRYFUS, COOK INDUSTRIES.

C. ELEVEN BANKS AND INVESTMENT FIRMS ACTIVE IN YUGOSLAVIA: AMERICAN EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION, DILLON, READ AND COMPANY, GIRARD TRUST BANK, SECURITY PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL, CONNECTICUT BANK AND TRUST, CROCKER NATIONAL BANK, FIRST AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK RICHMOND, GOLDMAN SACHS AND COMPANY, UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED CALIFORNIA BANK, WELLS FARGO BANK.

D. 10 PRESENT OR POTENTIAL INVESTORS IN JOINT VENTURES IN YUGOSLAVIA: EATON, OCULUS CONTACT LENS, GILLETTE, ENGINEERS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, CHEMTEx, BUTTES GAS AND OIL, CHALLENGER GAS AND OIL, DOW CHEMICAL, BLACK AND DECKER, ARMCO, CORN PRODUCTION SYSTEMS, INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS AND FRAGRANCES, WARNER-LAMBERT, ARCHER-MIDLNAD-DANIELS, COLGATE-PALMOLIVE, DANA, REVLON, COLLINS RADIO.

E. 28 PARTICIPANTS IN RECENT U.S. TRADE FAIR AND MISSIONS: MEDTRONIC, SEARLE, USCI, SURGICOT, UNTIED EXPORTERS, GENERAL SCIENCE CORPORATION, AMERESCO, URSCHER LABORATORIES, BURFORD CORPORATION, PMMI, GURTON, FLEETWOOD, INTERNATIONAL LADISH COMPANY, BECKMAN INSTRUMENTS, CURTIS INSTRUMENTS, CAMBRION

INTERNATIONAL, COIL WINDING EQUIPMENT , PAGE, DATA GENERAL COMPUTERS,
EXTEL, LEDEX, EBERLINE INSTRUMENTS, PERMACEL, TELEDYNE,
PHILBRICK, SIMPSON ELECTRIC, STONER COMMUNICATIONS, HESSTON.

F. MEMBERS OF RECENT IOGA TRADE MESSIONS TO YUGOSLAVIA.
SUGGEST ECONTACT WITH RONALD MCKOWEN, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND WITH
THEODORE PEARCE, NATIONAL FLUID POWER ASSOCIATION.

G. FIRMS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN WORL TRADE INSTITUTE
CONFERENCE ON TRADE WITH YUGOSLAVIA, MARCH 13-14, 1974.

13. COMMERCE REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION TO ORGANIZING
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